



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Seattle, WA 98101

Reply to Attn Of: OWW-130

April 4, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dan Redline, Acting Regional Administrator
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
2110 Ironwood Parkway
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Re: NPDES Permit Number ID-002285-3
City of Coeur d'Alene

Dear Mr. Redline:

Enclosed for your use in completing a final Clean Water Act Section 401 certification is the proposed final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the City of Coeur d'Alene publicly owned treatment works.

EPA has made the following changes from the draft permit as it was made available for public comment on February 16, 2007:

- The final effluent limitations for ammonia, for March through June and October, are less stringent than those proposed in the draft permit.
- The final effluent limitations for five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅), for March through June and October, are more stringent than those proposed in the draft permit.
- The permit no longer contains a schedule of compliance for ammonia effluent limits.
- The permit no longer contains a schedule of compliance for CBOD₅ effluent limits during July, August, and September.
- The permit contains more-stringent interim effluent limits (i.e. limits that apply during the term of the compliance schedule) for total phosphorus for the final two years of the total phosphorus compliance schedule.
- The permit contains more-stringent interim effluent limits for CBOD₅.
- The permit no longer contains a compliance evaluation level for total residual chlorine effluent limits.
- The receiving water monitoring requirements have been changed.
- The permit now requires that the phosphorus management plan and implementation plan be submitted to EPA and IDEQ, and requires annual reporting of reductions achieved through the phosphorus management plan.
- Provisions have been added to the whole effluent toxicity testing requirements, which require the use of three species in the first two tests (a fish, an invertebrate, and a plant) and which allow for pH control and for removal of chlorine under certain circumstances.

The letter dated February 12, 2007, which transmitted the draft permit to the State, initiated the 60-day period for final State certification provided by 40 CFR 124.53. Final action on this permit cannot be taken until your agency has granted or denied certification under 40 CFR 124.55, or waived its right to certify. The State will be deemed to have waived its right to certify this permit unless that right is exercised within 30 days of the receipt of this letter and the

proposed final permit. If your agency should require more than 30 days to complete the certification, please contact us as soon as possible.

Technical questions regarding the permit may be referred to Brian Nickel of my staff at 206-553-6251 or via e-mail at Nickel.Brian@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosure

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